

THE WEATHER

Occasional thunderstorms Saturday and probably Sunday, light southeast winds. Yesterday's temperature: Highest, 85 degrees; lowest, 76 degrees.

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WEST FLORIDA MUST
FEED ITSELF!

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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 1, 1917.

HUNS PLAN TO WEST TAKES PAID RIGA ON OATH OFFICE LAND AND SEA AS JUSTICE

Failing to Break Russian
Line on Front May At-
tack in Double Force

DROP BOMBS ON
SHIPS IN HARBOR

French and Italians Score
Another Day of Success
Against the Enemy.

ASSOCIATED PRESS SUMMARY.

Germans are believed to be preparing an offensive on land and sea against Riga, Russia's principal naval base. They have failed in direct attacks by land to break the Russian front. The sea attack is indicated by maneuvers of German torpedo boats and submarines. German airplanes dropped bombs on Russian warships in Riga harbor.

Italians have renewed their offensive on the Carso Plateau, making big gains north of Gorizia. Artillery duels are in progress on the front in Belgium and France. The French repulsed Bulgarian attacks in Macedonia.

None of the three big campaigns now in progress on western fronts seem to abate have gotten into a full swing. General Cadore's drive for Trieste is perhaps the most spectacular of the current operations, is displaying an activity more pronounced than either General Fain's or General Haig in their respective fields at Verdun and in the Arras-Flanders areas.

Even the Italian commander, however, apparently is in the midst of one of the pauses characteristic of virtually all the great drives against strongly fortified positions.

On the front below Lens, General Haig reports the repulse of a German raid on the British lines. No mention is made of the activities on the British side, but London war office intimates are that the artillery battle is being carried on in virtually continuous form in preparation for the next forward thrust.

General Fain's report indicates the possibility of a speedy renewal of the infantry battle at Verdun.

The artillery on both sides of the Meuse is actively bombarding the German lines. The Germans have shown some activity in Alsace, making an attack near Hartmann's Weilerkopf, which the French repulsed completely.

Although the British armies on the Franco-Belgian front were engaged in much notably heavy fighting during August including the great attack of the Anglo-French forces in Flanders, the casualties were notably less than during July.

The British figures for August given by London today, total 59,811 compared with 75,252 for July, a falling off of more than 12,000. The casualties indeed have been on a descending scale during the entire period since the active campaigning season opened, the high mark being set in the May figures, which totalled 112,233.

POLISH TROOPS BE
SENT AGAINST ENTENTE

Amsterdam, Aug. 31.—The central powers have decided to put Polish troops in the field against the Entente, according to a dispatch from Vienna. The move is prompted by a vigorous attitude of the attacks. The troops referred to are doubtless those raised in Russian Poland after it was conquered by central powers.

WANT NO SEGREGATION
OF NEGRO SOLDIERS

Washington, Aug. 31.—A protest against the segregation or any distinctly different treatment of negro troops in training camps was made to the President and Secretary Baker today by a committee of negro and white educators. Secretary Baker may shortly make an announcement concerning the treatment of negro soldiers, it was said at the war department.

HOLLWEG DENIES HE
CONFIDED TO GERARD.

Berlin, Aug. 31.—Von Bethman-Hollweg, former chancellor, who asserted his impression that former Ambassador Gerard was writing the revelations of Germany's war aims, was free with imagination, denied he told Gerard it was Germany's intention to seize Liege and Namur, and take possession of Belgian ports, and establish a dominion over that country.

He Assumes Charge Today,
Leaving State Without
an Attorney General.

NO SUCCESSOR TO
WEST YET NAMED

Governor Must Be In Tal-
hassee to Commission
One to Fill Vacancy.

Tallahassee Bureau,
The Pensacola Journal

Tallahassee, Fla., Aug. 31.—After midnight tonight, and until sometime next Tuesday, Florida will be without an attorney general. Judge Thomas F. West this afternoon signed the necessary oath before Secretary of State H. Clay Crawford and became a member of the supreme court of Florida.

The governor cannot commission a successor to Mr. West as attorney general without being in Tallahassee, and it was announced by Private Secretary J. V. Burke this afternoon that the governor would not return to the capital till Monday night.

If Mr. Van Swearingen accepts the position, as his friends here expect he will, he will probably come to Tallahassee immediately and establish himself in the office to become familiar with the work, etc., acting the while as ex-officio attorney general.

No one here remembers when a cabinet office has been vacant as long as this one will be.

Judge West stated tonight that he hoped the present office force, consisting of Worth W. Trammell, Chas. O. Andrews and the stenographers would be retained, and that he would do what he could to show the new man that it would be to his interest to do this, for the present at least, because of their familiarity with the routine work and detail of the office.

But the recent announcement of Judge Chas. O. Andrews that he would be a candidate in the next election complicates this situation.

Judge West stated tonight that he would move into the supreme court building tomorrow morning and begin acquainting himself with the work.

Although the court is adjourned at present, he believes he can find something to do in his new office, he says. He goes on the payroll as a justice of the supreme court at midnight.

MAY HAVE TO RUN IN SPRING.

Although it was announced that Mr. West was appointed for the unexpired term of Judge Shackelford, the Secretary of State refused to sign a commission for beyond the next general election. Judge Shackelford's term would not have expired for nearly four years yet. So the commission was written for a term to expire January first nineteen nineteen.

Justices Taylor and Ellis have stated that there is a special provision in the constitution for judges to be appointed for unexpired terms but that no other elective officers can be appointed beyond the next succeeding general election.

Mr. Crawford states that he has dealt with three cases similar to this since he has been secretary of state and that he has never commissioned a judge or any other elective officer beyond the next succeeding election.

"If the court will order me from the bench to write the commission for four years I will do it," said Mr. Crawford. "But the governor is not here and I do not even know whether he wants it written for four years or not."

NEXT LIBERTY
LOANS OCT. 1

SECOND ISSUE MAY BE THREE
BILLION BUT AMOUNT WILL
BE DECIDED AFTER BOND
BILL PASSES.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—Open-
ing of the next Liberty Loan cam-
paign is set tentatively by the treas-
ury department for October 1. Sub-
scription books will close November 1.
The amount and interest rate and
denomination of bonds will be An-
nounced after congress disposes of the
pending bond bill. Indications are
the next offering may be three billion
dollars. Whether or not the govern-
ment will use paid advertising space
in newspapers is under consideration.

FRENCH LESSONS WILL
BE GIVEN SOLDIERS
DESTINED FOR FRANCE

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Washington, Aug. 31.—Lim-
ited courses in the French lan-
guage and geography will be given
to enlisted men of the National
army and the National guard
at training posts. The course
will be optional. It will be un-
der the direction of a special
committee, and a commission on
training camp activities, it is an-
nounced.

WAKULLA IN DRY COLUMN

ELECTION WHICH WAS HELD
YESTERDAY, WON BY ANTI-
SALOON VOTERS BY MAJORITY
OF 75.

Tallahassee Bureau,
The Pensacola Journal

Tallahassee, Aug. 31.—With only a few small precincts to hear from, Wakulla county voted dry today in the local option election by seventy-five votes majority, according to parties at Wakulla station, with whom the Journal correspondent talked on long distance telephone tonight.

Wakulla was one of the "wet" counties of the state, without a saloon within its borders, which had never had occasion to vote against the legalized sale of intoxicants. Liberty, which voted dry a few weeks ago, was the other. A county is "wet" until it is voted "dry" unless it has previously voted "dry."

The fact that the Wells quart-
month bill did not operate in these
two counties and shipments of liquor
into them were not limited, caused the
elections to be called.

TELEPHONE GIRLS IN FEDERAL SERVICE

Several young ladies connected
with the local telephone exchange,
who stood a civil service examination
July 25 as telephone operators, are
in receipt of advices from Washing-
ton that their papers have been
passed upon, and that each of them
have been given a rating which qual-
ifies each of them for positions in the
service.

There are several positions as
telephone operators in and about
Fort Barrancas, and this will mean
the release of several enlisted men
who are now holding down those po-
sitions. The salary connected with
the positions is \$2.24 per day, and the
ladies may be offered the positions
any day.

It has been an especial effort of
the department to fill all positions
they are capable of filling with wo-
men, and this causes the belief that
an early offer for the telephone girls
will be forthcoming.

FOUR YOUNG MEN ENLIST IN NAVY

Four men enlisted in the navy yes-
terday, three Pensacolians and one
from Muscogee. The three local
men who joined the colors are Ralph
Maxwell, Lewis Berlin, and J. W. Ma-
loy, the first two enlisting for land-
men yeoman, while the last named
enlisted for apprentice seaman. The
patriot from Muscogee was Leon
Mosely, who enlisted for landsman
yeoman.

Almost unlimited opportunity for
advancement is offered in the navy at
the present time under the new call
for 25,000 men, and promotion is ex-
pected to be rapid. The waiting list
has been abolished and the men are
sent to training as soon as they are
accepted.

DEPUTY CLERK AT GAINESVILLE QUIT

F. W. Marsh, clerk of the federal
court received the resignation of
Lewis C. Lynch as deputy clerk at
Gainesville yesterday morning, the
letter of resignation explaining that
he had been commissioned in the
army for service abroad and would
leave for France about September 10.
Mr. Lynch who also acted as Com-
missioner for Gainesville had re-
signed that position last week, and
Judge Sheppard appointed J. A. Da-
Costa to the vacancy.

Irving E. Webster will be appoint-
ed as deputy clerk for Gainesville to
succeed Mr. Lynch. Mr. Webster
was Colonel of the First Florida
Regiment during the Spanish-Ameri-
can War.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS FOR THREE SHIPYARDS

Washington, Aug. 31.—Contracts
for the construction of three govern-
ment owned ship yards for building
fabricated steel merchant vessels
have been awarded by the emergency
fleet corporation.

CONSOLIDATION OF LOCAL BANKS HAS BEEN APPROVED

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL.
Washington, Aug. 31.—The com-
ptroller of the currency has approved
the liquidation of the National Bank
of Commerce of Pensacola, and its
consolidation with the American
National Bank of Pensacola. The
capital is to be \$300,000.
J. S. Leonard of Pensacola is
named by the treasury department as
liquidation agent.

TWO GUILTY OF PERJURY

MRS. ERIN SETTLES, AGED
WHITE WOMAN, SENT UP FOR
THREE YEARS, AND MELVIN
FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS.

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL.

Crestview, Fla., Aug. 31.—Mrs. Erin
Settles was tried today on the charge
of perjury. The trial drew a large
crowd and created considerable stir.
The defendant was found guilty and
sentenced to three years in the state
prison. Her attorney, W. J. Rice, sued
out a writ of error and was given 45
days to make and file a bill of excep-
tions. The man Melvin, indicted at
the same time Mrs. Settles was, plead
guilty and was sentenced to eight-
eenth months in the state prison. Thus
endeth two cases which are a portion
of the aftermath of the trial of the
Blackwell brothers last July for the
murder of the aged Davis couple.

The Blackwell brothers were in
court today when an order of contin-
uance was made in the case against
them which is yet untied. The con-
fessor, Boyd, was also here today, and
was used as a witness in the case
against Mrs. Settles. The people of
this county had their first peep at
him, and he was the center of at-
traction for the curious.

Circuit court adjourned for the
term this afternoon. The grand jury
finished its labors yesterday, and ad-
journed without making several in-
dictments which the public was ex-
pecting, and the promised sensation
was not sprung. It is possibly in the
incubator and may hatch next term.

7 FEET TALL AND IS STILL GROWING



Ralph Madsen of Venus, Neb., was
sickly until he turned into his teens.
Look at him now, just leaving them,
7 feet 2 inches tall. In four years
he has grown two feet and two
inches, or more than six inches a
year. He wears No. 18 shirts, size
7 1/2 hat, No. 11 shoes, and has to
have all his apparel specially made.
He explains his height thus: "I do
not use tobacco or liquor to stunt my
growth." Standing beside Madsen
is Rev. Charles Savidge of Omaha of
normal height.

NO RADICAL REDUCTION
OF BREAD PRICES FOR
PRESENT, SAYS HOOVER

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Washington, Aug. 31.—Pros-
pects for an early radical reduc-
tion in bread prices have van-
ished and Herbert Hoover an-
nounced the best the public may
expect is a sixteen ounce loaf for
ten cents, and possibly eight. The
price of family flour should be
reduced, he said, at the present
price of wheat at least two dol-
lars a barrel.

THREE LIBELS ARE ON FILE

VIOLATION OF NAVIGATION
LAWS FOR SMALL CRAFT IS
CHARGED BY THE DISTRICT
ATTORNEY.

Three libels were filed by the dis-
trict attorney in the federal court
yesterday alleging violation of the
navigation laws for small craft. The
first of the libels is against the mo-
tor boat "Nautilus" which it is
claimed is owned by J. D. Smith, do-
ing business as J. D. Smith and com-
pany. It is alleged by the district
attorney that the boat operated with-
out the required equipment for extin-
guishing gasoline fires. An unknown
launch, owned by the same company
is also libelled on the same charge.

Two unknown boats owned by J. D.
Gilbert and operated at Lynn Haven
are also libelled, the first for not
having the required fire-fighting
equipment, the second for operating
without the proper life-saving ap-
paratus, and without signalling de-
vices.

FAREWELL SUPPER BY ELKS TO MAJOR HUGHES

A farewell supper will be given in
honor of Major J. L. Hughes by B. P.
O. E. Lodge 497, at Elk's Home, to-
night at 8 o'clock.

Dr. F. C. Kershaw will act as
toastmaster and there will be a num-
ber of speakers. Supper will be
served by the house committee, com-
posed of Felo McAllister, Eugene
Roch and H. B. Owen. All Elks and
friends are invited to attend.

Major Hughes has gained a wide
circle of friends during his stay in
Pensacola who will sincerely regret
his departure and tonight's festivi-
ties will be a token of the high es-
teem in which he is held by his
brother Elks.

MOTOR BOAT RACES BIG PICNIC FEATURES

One of the many big features of
the Elks & L. picnic, to be held at
Unicoway Inn Monday will be the
motor boat races, for a prize of \$25
in gold, and some of the speediest
craft in the port are expected to take
part therein.

In line with an advertisement in
another column, entries should com-
municate either in person or by tele-
phone to the management at Chico-
way Inn, or to J. J. Biebigauser,
chairman of this feature of the picnic
which gives promise of being one of
the most notable of its kind held in
the judges will be George Hen-
richs, Chas. Ketchum, W. B. Wright.

GOVERNMENT BEGINS BUY WHEAT SEPT. 4

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
New York, Aug. 31.—The food ad-
ministration grain corporation will on
September 4th begin to buy and dis-
tribute the wheat of the United States
at the basic price fixed by the Presi-
dent, it is officially announced. The
corporation's effective arrangement
with the mills will begin September
10, but may begin to buy earlier in
order to provide a stable basis to in-
vestors and others who are in doubt
as to the value of purchases when
delivered at terminals.

TWELVE THOUSAND SHIP WORKERS MAY STRIKE SOON

Seattle, Aug. 31.—A strike of more
than twelve thousand workers in the
Seattle ship yards and plants, en-
gaged in fabricating ship building
material, to enforce demands for a
general increase in wages, is set next
Wednesday by officers of fifteen af-
filiated unions of the Seattle Metal
Trades Council in executive session.

BEGIN VOTE TODAY ON HUGE WAR TAX BILL.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—Vot-
ing will probably begin tomorrow in
the senate on the war profits section
of the tax bill. The first vote will
be on an amendment by Johnson pro-
viding for a levy of eighty per
cent.

LOCAL BOARD NOW ALLEGE TO CALL 400 VIOLATION OF IN THE DRAFT ESPIONAGE ACT

At a Meeting Held Last
Night Such Action Was
Decided Upon

BE EXAMINED
SEPT. 6, 7 AND 8.

Necessity For Second Call
Apparent When Total of
52 Were Exempted.

Four hundred more men will be
called in the selective draft in Es-
cambia county to complete the quota
of 274 which this county must send,
according to a decision made last
night by the local exemption board.
Notifications will be sent out im-
mediately to the men to be examined on
September 6, 7, and 8, divisions of
130 or more reporting each day. All
examinations will be conducted in the
office of Dr. Andrews, county physi-
cian, and member of the board.

The necessity of calling more men
was apparent when 52 were exempted
last Wednesday under the new
regulations issued by the Provost
Marshal General. In the first call
for 550 men, 189 were secured after
all exemptions had been passed upon.

In the appeal cases to the higher
board reversals were expected to
bring the total number to about two
hundred, whereas the county must
send 274.

With the exemptions under the
new ruling the total is further de-
creased, and it was decided to issue
the call before final action was taken
on any of the cases by the appeal
board.

No return has yet been made by
the appeal board in the cases which
have been certified to it from this
county, and it is doubtful that five
percent of the first quota will be
able to leave on September 5.

In giving the physical examinations
in the second call, the physicians will
be governed by different regulations
than in the first as light weight will
be less a barrier than in the first call.
Flat foot is not disqualifying under
the new rules, and it is expected that
a greater percentage of men will be
netted in this call than in the other.

PUBLIC SALE SEIZED BOOZE

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OF-
FICE WILL OFFER TO HIGH-
EST BIDDER QUANTITY OF CON-
FISCATED LIQUOR.

At high noon Monday, in accord-
ance with the order of Judge W. B.
Sheppard, the United States Marshal
will sell at public outcry on the steps
of the federal building 21 cases of
spaghetti, 174 cases of whiskey, and
a tank of whiskey and eight gallons,
each lot to be sold separately.

The spaghetti was seized and li-
belled by the district attorney some
time ago on the charge of being im-
properly labelled, in that it contained
less spaghetti than labels on the
package stated.

The 174 cases of whiskey were
seized when it was discovered that
they were being shipped to Mont-
gomery in a car billed as "shingles".
They also were libelled and ordered
sold on the charge of being improp-
erly labelled.

The tank of whiskey and the eight
gallons in flasks were seized when
the famous overland "trunk" line was
discovered operating between Pen-
sacola and Montgomery. he whiskey
was contained in a copper-lined
trunk, strapped to the automobile
which made the trips.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BE GIVEN CO-OPERATION

Washington, Aug. 31.—Arrange-
ments were completed in Paris for
the co-operation of the American Red
Cross, American friends, and English
friends of the relief committee in the
work of assisting destitute people be-
hind the French front, it is announced.
American friends of reconstruction
unit in training at Haverford, Penn-
sylvania, will leave at once for
France, after their determinations will fol-
low. The war department has recog-
nized this as a proper field work for
the conscientious objectors to the
war.

Warrant Sworn Out for
Arrest of C. C. Chaney
of Washington Co.

PENALTY HEAVY IN
CASE CONVICTION

Forthcoming Prosecution Is
Outcome of Arrest of
Recruiting Officer.

Charging him with wilfully and un-
lawfully obstructing recruiting for
the United States Army in violation
of section 3 of the Espionage Act,
which passed some time ago by Con-
gress, a warrant was sworn out yes-
terday morning by Assistant District
Attorney G. Earl Hoffman for the ar-
rest of C. C. Chaney, of Vernon,
Washington county.

The prosecution of Chaney comes
as a result of the arrest of Sergeant
Johnson, recruiting officer for the
army, stationed at Chipley. The of-
ficer was arrested last week on a
warrant sworn out by Chaney alleging
that he enticed his son, a boy un-
der sixteen years of age, into the
army. The district attorney was
designated to defend the officer, and
Mr. Hoffman appeared before the
county judge at Vernon, with a mo-
tion to dismiss the case on the ground
that the court was without jurisdic-
tion. This, the court did.

In the attempted prosecution of
Sergeant Johnson, Chaney claimed
that the officer had enticed his son
into the army. From the evidence
in the case it appeared that the boy
had applied to the officer for enlist-
ment and that his application had
been signed by him and sent to Jack-
sonville, the state recruiting head-
quarters. The boy was sent with
the application, and on arrival was
rejected on the ground that he was
under age. He stoutly maintained
that he was eighteen years of age, it
is stated, and denied the statement of
his father.

Recruiting officers at Jacksonville
refused to give him return transpor-
tation to his home, in accordance
with instructions, as no fare is given
where enlistment by fraudulent state-
ment is attempted. On this account,
it is stated that the young man
walked from Jacksonville to his home.
The son, Erby Chaney is charged
in a warrant issued yesterday with
embezzling government property,
meals, transportation, etc., by fraudu-
lent enlistment. The preliminary
hearing will be conducted before the
commissioner at Marianna, probably
Monday, and Mr. Hoffman will ap-
pear for the government.

Penalty for violation of the es-
pionage act is 20 years jail or \$10,000
fine, or both the fine and imprison-
ment. The district attorney's office
is determined to stop opposition to
military service in West Florida,
whether it be the draft, or voluntary
enlistment.

ROAD COMMITTEE TO MEET COMMISSIONER

In a newspaper interview published
yesterday afternoon, County Commis-
sioner Gandy stated that the citizen's
committee for improvement of the
condition of the Barrancas road had
written him a letter on the subject,
and questioned the veracity of F. C.
Brent, the chairman of the committee
as to the amount of work done on
the road. He insists that the road
has been dragged after every rain,
excepting one afternoon.

Mr. Brent declined to comment on
Mr. Gandy's statement last night,
saying that he would make no state-
ment until he has talked with the com-
missioner.

The committee announced that it
will call on Mr. Gandy today for dis-
cussion of the matter.

Motorists who used the road yes-
terday reported it in bad condition,
and stated that considerable work
would be necessary to place it in sat-
isfactory shape, though some work
has been done on it.

Members of the committee said
last night that they were willing to
let the condition of the road speak
for itself in substantiation of the re-
marks made by Mr. Brent.

GOVERNMENT SEIZES LARGE AUSTRIAN SHIP.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—The
Austrian steamer Martha Washington,
in an American port since the
war began, was requisitioned by the
shipping board. It was seized under
an international law permitting a na-
tion at war to take over ships owned
by neutrals in an emergency. The
vessel will be put in service.